

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a brief interview on April 22, 2005 to discuss the current position of the pending application. Enclosed with this response is a Request for Continued Examination to smooth the further processing of the present application. Claims 1-15 are active. Claims 16-20 have been withdrawn. Claims 9-15 have been allowed and claim 4 has been held allowable.

In the previous Office action, the Examiner indicated that claim 1 did not have explicit language requiring the conductive path in the material layer be produced *before* attaching the handle wafer. And for that reason, Applicants' previous arguments distinguishing the Wachtmann reference were rejected. The present amendment changes claim 1 to explicitly add the foregoing requirement. Thus, Applicants believe that the Examiner's concerns have been satisfied, and that claims 1-8, line claims 9-15 are now allowable.

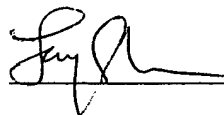
Conclusion

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required; however, this conditional petition is made to provide for the possibility that the applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this response, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

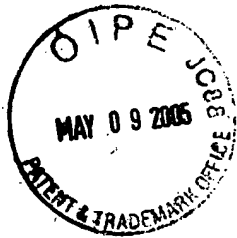
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